

5 B. No. 447

By

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A BILL

To be entitled

An Act to amend Section 22 of S. B. 81, Acts of the Regular Session, 49th Legislature, as amended, by adding thereto two new Subsections to Section 22 to be known as Subsections (e) and (f) authorizing the State Department of Health to enforce proper standards of sanitation on all bus lines, airlines or railroad lines operating within the State of Texas; and to further authorize the State Department of Health to adopt rules and regulations for the administration of sanitation standards on all common carriers in Texas; and providing for suit to be filed in Travis County, Texas; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 22 of S. B. 81, Acts of the Regular Session of the 49th Legislature, as amended, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto two new Subsections to be known as Subsections (e) and (f) which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 22. (a) All persons, firms or corporations managing or operating bus lines or airlines or railroad lines which are known as common carriers within the State of Texas, or any person, firm or corporation operating any coastwise vessel along the shores of the State of Texas shall maintain sanitary conditions in all of their equipment and at all terminals or docking points.

"(b) All drinking water provided by common carriers or their agents, shall be taken only from supplies certified as meeting the standards established by the Texas State Department of Health. All such water shall be kept and dispensed in a sanitary manner.

"(c) Every place where drinking water is placed aboard any vehicle operated as a common carrier shall be known as

a common carrier watering point. Every common carrier's watering point shall meet all required standards of sanitation, and water handling practices as may be established for such purposes by the State Board of Health. All common carrier watering points meeting such standards shall be so certified by the State Department of Health.

"(d). In the event any sanitary defects exist at the watering point, the Texas State Department of Health shall issue or cause to be issued a supplemental certification showing that the watering point is only provisionally approved; and if said defects are suffered to continue after a reasonable time for the correction of same has expired, then the State Health Department shall notify or cause to be notified the common carriers not to receive drinking water at the watering point involved.

"(e) The Texas State Department of Health shall have full authority, after notice and hearing, to promulgate rules and regulations providing for standards of sanitation as it affects the health of all users of bus lines, airlines or railroad lines which are known as common carriers within the State of Texas, including all employees of such bus lines or airlines or railroad lines which are known as common carriers within the State of Texas, and shall have authority to make inspection and enforce regulations.

"(f) Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of common carrier, such as operating a bus line or airline or railroad line within the State of Texas, violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be liable to a penalty of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and said suit may be filed on in the County Court of Travis

County, Texas."

Section 2. The fact that under the present law there now exists serious difficulties creates an emergency and an imperative necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and it is so enacted.

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We, your Committee on Public Health
to which was referred S. B. No. 447, have had the same under
consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the
Senate with the recommendation that it do pass
and be printed.

Chairman

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